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**RENEWED REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The following responds specifically to the Examiner's communication of August 16, 2001 denying consideration of the applicant's March 9, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement as it allegedly failed to comply with 37 CFR §1.97(d). Reconsideration is requested.

Specifically, applicant did in fact include a certification that the information cited in the March 9, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement was not known more than three months prior to the filing thereof. Thus, in substance, the certification presented with the applicant's March 9, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 97(d). However, out of an abundance of caution, applicant submits the following certification effective as of March 9, 2001:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 9, 2001.

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Consideration of the March 9, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, and to that end, please consider this newest response as a petition for such consideration if needed, in which case the applicable petition fee may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140.

An early and favorable reply on this request is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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